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**From:** Vernon Crawford  
**To:** Vernon Pickup-Crawford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008 12:46 AM  
**Subject:** Update for 3/24

In late developing news--as the media say--the trek of Park Vista High students and staff to show their creation of a diesel-engine car, modified to run on simple vegetable oil, hit a temporary snag early tonight when a fuel line hose failed in Gainesville. Fred Barch, principal of the new pine jog "green" elementary school and former secondary science supervisor, and the students are in Tallahassee and will be recognized by the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation, the Florida Cabinet thanks to CFO Alex Sink, and the House Schools and Learning Council in the morning. Barch said the car ran flawlessly for 300 miles until the fuel line burst. He said the 300 miles used less than a pint of diesel which is needed to heat the oil for the first few minutes of driving. Kudos to the students and Park Vista High for a feat that is a first, we believe, in Florida. Channels 5 and 25 provided coverage along the way and Channel 5 will air a special report likely during Wednesday's news block.

Meanwhile, other Good News: staff in DOE have confirmed that they are working on filing to be one of the 10 pilots for "differentiated accountability"--ie, having multiple tiers of sanctions for schools not meeting AYP. The filing has to be by May 2nd. I understand that DOE will begin working with superintendents late next week or shortly thereafter for feedback. US-Ed Sec'y Margaret Spellings, meanwhile, has put out a fact sheet which is attached for your review.

Not much new on budget. House Schools and Learning Council Chair Joe Pickens and Senate Ed Appropriations chair Steve Wise will have further discussions in their meetings this week. Meanwhile, based on input from a number of us district lobbyists (FELL) today, a list of flexibility options, containing much of what our district has been advocating, was submitted to Sen. Wise at his request for review. That list, in rough draft form, is also attached.

There were no meetings today. The education committee agendas for this week have not changed. Bills of interest up tomorrow follow:

Tagged Bill Agenda Calendar for 3/25/08

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9:00AM

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- (S) - Commerce, 401 S (9:00AM--11:00AM)  
       SB 0994 Employee Leave/Victims of Sexual Violen [ PBC ]
  - (H) - Schools & Learning Council, 212 K (9:00AM--12:00PM)  
       HB 0623 School Food Service Programs [ PBC ]  
       HB 0659 Service Learning in the Public School S [ PBC ]

HB 0669 School Safety [ PBC ]  
 HB 0925 Florida's K-20 Education Performance Ac [ PBC ]  
 HB 0957 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Prog [ PBC ]  
 HB 0985 Workplace Skills of Students [ PBC ]  
 HB 1203 Interstate Compact on Educational Oppor [ PBC ]  
 HB 1313 Students with Disabilities [ PBC ]  
 HB 1481 Interscholastic Sports [ PBC ]  
 HB 1259 Education [ PBC ]  
 HB 1301 Charter Schools [ PBC ]  
 HB 0817 Public School Attendance [ PBC ]

10:00AM

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(H) - Healthcare Council, Morris Hall (10:00AM--12:00PM)  
 HB 0153 Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquir [ PBC ]

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(S) - Judiciary, 110 S (12:45PM--2:45PM)  
 SB 0704 Open Government Act/Administrative Proc [ PBC ]  
 SB 2484 Pub. Rec./Discrimination Complaints [ PBC ]

1:00PM

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(S) - Criminal Justice, 401 S (1:00PM--2:45PM)  
 SB 2152 Disqualifications for Employment [ PBC ]  
 (H) - Policy & Budget Council, 212 K (1:00PM--6:00PM)  
 HB 0461 Health Flex Plans [ PBC ]  
 HB 0603 Textbook Affordability [ PBC ]  
 HB 0653 Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship [ PBC ]  
 HB 1021 Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program [ PBC ]

5:15PM

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(S) - Education Facilities Appropriations, 412 K (5:15PM--6:00PM)  
 SB 1070 Intergovernmental Cooperation [ PBC ]  
 SB 1276 Educational Facilities Construction [ PBC ]

We understand that the House versions of HB1259 and HB1301, above, concerning charter schools will have last minute amendments. The Senate bill came out of committee as an accountability measure. For purposes of negotiations with the Senate, the House version is expected to approve a version that increases charter school authority. This is the time when posturing by both chambers begins for final negotiations on issues during the last two weeks of the session.

More tomorrow...

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